

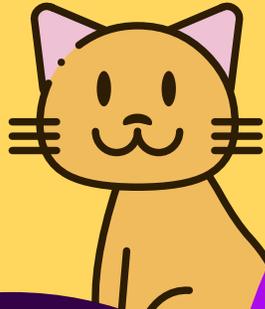
# WHAT'S UP, DACC?

LATEST NEWS FROM OUR ANIMAL CARE CENTERS

## THIS ISSUE

A Cat and Her Lost Shadow

Still searching for her permanent home, Shadow, a 13-year old Tortoiseshell cat, thrives in her new foster home.



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DACC Celebrates  
*OFFICER  
APPRECIATION  
WEEK!*

Sergeant Juan Maceda from the  
Baldwin Park Animal Care Center



DACC Practicing Physical Distancing  
Across Animal Care Centers

## COVID-19 SERVICE CHANGES

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) has temporarily changed its business practices and its management of animal intake.

Adoptions and return of lost pets to owners continue, but are being done by appointment to ensure responsible physical distancing and to promote health and safety.

## EFFICIENCY STUDY FINDINGS PRESENTED TO CONTRACT CITIES

On May 6, Contract Cities joined a SKYPE meeting regarding the Operational Effectiveness Assessment of the Department of Animal Care and Control.

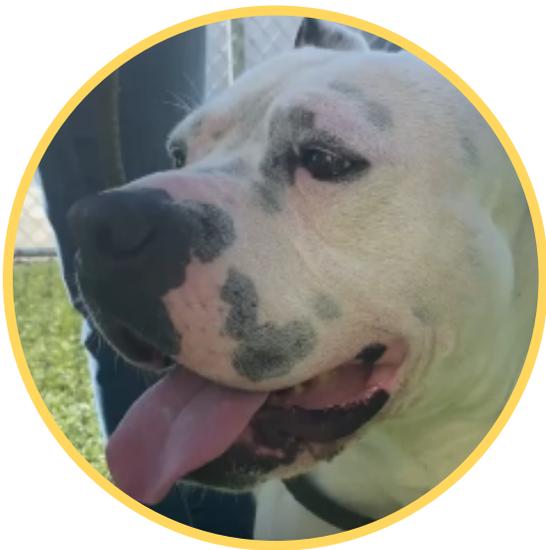
Kashiwa representatives presented their findings and answered questions from the cities. The meeting was very well attended. Cities are anxious to learn what the rates will be for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020.

# LIVE ANIMAL OUTCOMES

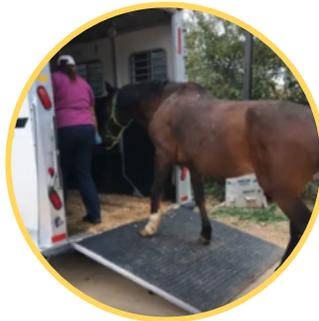
APRIL 2020

146 OTHER ANIMALS

808 DOGS

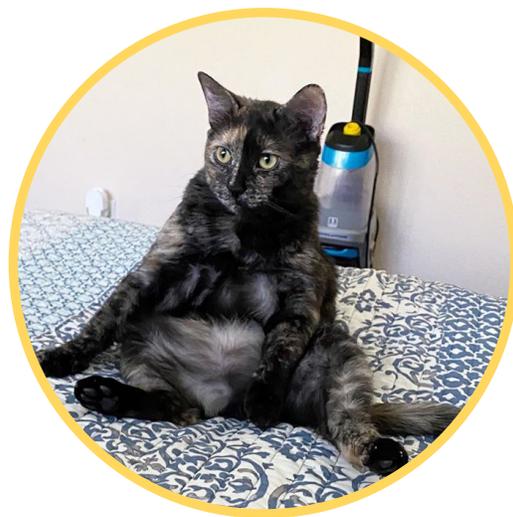


**Onni** was adopted from the Carson/Gardena ACC on April 6!



**Tonka** was adopted from the Agoura ACC on April 19. Happy trails, Tonka!

541 CATS



**Raven** found her new home on April 3 when she was adopted from the Castaic ACC.

Now this beautiful Tortie has a bed to stretch out and relax on!



DON'T STAY-AT-HOME ALONE!  
ADOPT TODAY!



While DACC has limited our services during this challenging time, we still have a large number of animals in need of homes. Adoptions are now offered for the cost of a pet license (plus a refundable spay and neuter deposit). The current environment where more people are staying home provides the opportunity for families to engage with new pets and help them acclimate to their new homes. If you have been considering adoption, now is the time! This is made possible thanks to a grant award received by the Petco Foundation dedicated to supporting life-saving animal efforts

## OFFICER APPRECIATION WEEK

On April 15, the Telemundo broadcasting company stopped by the Downey Animal Care Center to interview Animal Control Officer Mireya Martinez in honor of Officer Appreciation Week. They highlighted the hard work, compassion, and professionalism consistently demonstrated by Officer Martinez and DACC's officers, particularly during this difficult time.



## PLAYGROUPS CONTINUE!

In midst of this worldwide pandemic, many DACC services still continue. This includes adoptions and the return of lost pets to their owners, by appointment only, as well as daily playgroups. Playgroups not only allow behaviorists to assess and modify dog behavior, but are crucial for a canine to maintain its physical and mental health.



## A CAT AND HER LOST SHADOW



Upon first arriving at the Agoura Animal Care Center, Shadow was at an unhealthy weight for a cat her size at 19.3 lbs. Likely due to her condition, in addition to being a senior at 13-years old, Shadow didn't appear to be thriving in her kennel.

The Agoura team decided to seek an animal foster care provider who could provide the attention and care that Shadow desperately needed. Thankfully, one of Agoura's many incredible volunteers stepped up and decided to bring Shadow into her home.

Shadow's new foster mom made sure Shadow underwent a strict diet to help shed her unneeded kitty pounds. Not long after, Shadow was already down to 18 lbs. Shadow regularly exercises and continues to thrive in her foster home, but is now looking for her permanent forever home. Please contact the Agoura ACC if you are interested (818) 991-0071!

## GIRL SCOUT GENEROSITY

On April 30, Girl Scout Troop 2752 donated always needed pet supplies to the Castaic Animal Care Center. The girl scouts have been supporting DACC for many years, through their numerous donations and even with capital projects!





# ACTIVITIES IN APRIL

## APRIL 16

Dirk, a three-legged pup from the Agoura ACC, was **featured on KABC's virtual pet of the week.** Dirk is still seeking his forever home!



## APRIL 23

The Lancaster team **celebrates another happy pet being reunited with its owner.** Pet owners can still reclaim their animals by scheduling an appointment!



## APRIL 8

Officer Kelly from the Agoura ACC **removed an adorable little gopher snake from a classroom** at Sumac Elementary. What a studious little snake!



## APRIL 18

Santa Clarita Valley's, The Signal, **featured a story on Castaic Animal Control Officer Julie Villegas,** and the incredible work she puts in each day.



Click [HERE](#) to view the full story!

## APRIL 24

The Lancaster ACC **celebrates one of its kennel buildings being completely empty** and, more importantly, that so many dogs were placed into homes during this time of physical distancing.

